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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): A cigarette comprising a tobacco strand wrapped with a layer of paper having a water repellent impregnation made from a cellulose derivative, ~~wherein~~ said cellulose derivative consisting of ~~is applied in~~ at least two layers and providing ~~provides~~ air permeability of at least 20 Coresta units.

Claim 7 (previously added): A cigarette as described in Claim 6, wherein the cellulose derivative is ethyl cellulose.

Claim 8 (previously added): A cigarette as described in Claim 6, wherein the cellulose derivative provides air permeability of at least 50 Coresta units.

Claim 9 (previously added): A cigarette as described in Claim 6, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied on both sides of the paper.

Claim 10 (previously added): A cigarette as described in Claim 6, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied in a quantity of at least 1 g/m².

Claim 11 (previously added): A cigarette as described in Claim 6, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied by means of a coating roller in a gravure process.

Claim 12 (previously added): A cigarette as described in Claim 6, wherein the wrapper is composed of only one layer of paper.

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Claim 13 (currently added) A cigarette wrapper comprising a water repellant impregnation made from a cellulose derivative, ~~wherein~~ said cellulose derivative consisting of is applied in at least two layers and providing ~~provides~~ air permeability of least 20 Coresta units.

Claim 14 (previously added): A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 13, wherein said cellulose derivative is ethyl cellulose.

Claim 15 (previously added): A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 13, wherein said cellulose derivative provides air permeability of at least 50 Coresta units.

Claim 16 (previously added): A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 13, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied on both sides of the paper.

Claim 17 (previously added): A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 13, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied in a quantity of at least 1 g/m².

Claim 18 (previously added): A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 13, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied by means of a coating roller in a gravure process.

Claim 19 (previously added): A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 13, wherein the wrapper is composed of only one layer of paper.

Claims 20-24 (withdrawn)